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The President was authorized to memorialize Congress for aid in the establishment of a Floating Institute as defined in a communication from the 7th International Congress of Geologists held last year in St. Petersburg.

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#### REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the past year, commencing Dec. 1, 1897, there have been received from eighty-five societies, museums, libraries, etc., one hundred and fifty-four acknowledgements of the receipt of the publications of the Academy, and from forty societies, libraries, etc., forty-nine notices that their publications have been forwarded to the Academy. Twenty-seven applications for exchange and for supply of deficiencies in sets of the Academy's publications, together with nine letters on miscellaneous subjects, fourteen circulars and invitations to the Academy to participate in Congresses or meetings, and several announcements of the deaths of scientific men have also been received and when necessary answered.

The deaths of the following correspondents have been reported :

Charles E. Beddome, of Hobart Town, Tasmania ; elected 1883, died Sept. 1, 1898.

Ernest Candèz, of Liege, Belgium ; elected 1877, died June 30, 1898.

Joseph Charles Hippolyte Crosse, of Paris, France ; elected 1867, died Aug. 7, 1898.

James Hall, of Albany, New York ; elected 1843, died August 7, 1898.

Rudolph Leuckart, of Leipzig, Germany ; elected 1884, died June, 1898.

Jules Marcou, of Cambridge, Mass. ; elected 1860, died April 17, 1898.

R. P. Montrouzier, of New Caledonia ; elected 1867, died 1898.

Osbert Salvin, of London, England ; elected 1867, died June 1, 1898.

Karl Ludwig Fridolin von Sandberger, of Wuerzburg, Germany, elected 1855, died April 11, 1898.

Six hundred and eighty-eight acknowledgements for gifts to the library and sixty-three for gifts to the museum have been forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

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